AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2723

OFFERED BY MR. NORWOOD OF GEORGIA (FOR HIMSELF, MR. DINGELL OF MICHIGAN, MR. GANSKE OF IOWA, AND MR. BERRY OF ARKANSAS)

Page 17, beginning on line 24, strike ", as determined by the plan or issuer or as certified in writing by a treating health care professional,".

Page 40, line 17, strike "enforce actions" and insert "enforce rights".

Page 42, line 15, insert "or arrange to be offered" after "shall offer".

Page 44, after line 8, insert the following:

- 1 (3) Construction.—Nothing in this subsection shall be con-2 strued as affecting the application of section 114 (relating to access to 3 specialty care).
- 4 Page 47, amend lines 7 through 18 to read as follows:
- (b) Reimbursement for Maintenance Care and Post-Stabiliza Tion Care.—In the case of services (other than emergency services) for
- 7 which benefits are available under a group health plan, or under health in-
- 8 surance coverage offered by a health insurance issuer, the plan or issuer
- 9 shall provide for reimbursement with respect to such services provided to
- 10 a participant, beneficiary, or enrollee other than through a participating
- 11 health care provider in a manner consistent with subsection (a)(1)(C) (and
- shall otherwise comply with the guidelines established under section
- 13 1852(d)(2) of the Social Security Act), if the services are maintenance care
- or post-stabilization care covered under such guidelines.

Page 86, amend lines 10 through 16 to read as fol-

lows:

- 15 (a) No Benefit Requirements.—Nothing in this title shall be con-
- 16 strued to require a group health plan or a health insurance issuer offering

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- 1 health insurance coverage to provide items and services (including abor-
- 2 tions) that are specifically excluded under the plan or coverage.

Page 102, line 25, strike "January 1, 2000" and insert "January 1, 2001".